

FISCAL NOTE

SB 142 - HB 110

February 23, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a new Class E felony offense for the owner of a dog to fail to take all reasonable measures to stop the dog from attacking or biting another person. The offense is a Class A misdemeanor if the dog attacked or bit in response to an attack on the owner or a provocation of the dog by the victim.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$6,600 / Incarceration*

Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- One person will be convicted of a Class E felony each year for this offense and will serve 0.3 years (109.58 days) as a result of this bill. According to the Department of Correction, the average operating cost per inmate per day for calendar year is \$60.16. The cost per inmate at 0.3 years is \$6,592.33 (\$60.16 x 109.58 days).
- No significant incarceration cost increase will occur due to population growth in this period.
- There will not be a sufficient additional number of prosecutions for local governments to experience any significant increase in revenues or expenses.
- The provisions of this bill do not apply to a police or military dog that attacks another while acting in the line of duty.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director